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FOR: ALUMINUM-CONTAINING PRECIPITATED SILICIC ACID HAVING

PRECIPITATED SILICIC ACID HAVING AN ADJUSTABLE BET/CTAB RATIO

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 22, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.